

# Exhibit B



## District of Columbia Housing Authority

1133 North Capitol Street, NE Washington, DC 20002-7599

Tyrone Garrett, Executive Director

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Dear Current or Prior Barry Farm Resident,

As you are aware, the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) has been working with the residents of Barry Farm for many years in planning the redevelopment of the site. We are committed to keeping residents and our community partners informed at each step of the redevelopment. I am writing you today to inform you of a recent decision by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

In 2014, the District of Columbia Zoning Commission approved what is called “*the first-stage Planned Unit Development*” (PUD) for the Barry Farm site. The PUD defines what can be built on the land through the redevelopment. Many of you and your neighbors were involved in the planning process to create the PUD which would allow up to 1,400 new residential units, retail and other amenities on the Barry Farm site. The plan also includes 344 new replacement rental units plus additional affordable units. All of those units are in addition to the 100 units at Matthews Memorial and Sheridan Station where some Barry Farm families now live.

The Barry Farm Tenants and Allies Association (BFTAA) filed a petition to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to challenge the Zoning Commission’s approval of the PUD. Yesterday, the court issued a decision to vacate the first-stage PUD and remand the case back to the Zoning Commission for further proceedings. It is important to note that this decision does not mean that the redevelopment will not move forward. In remanding the case, the court is simply requiring that the Zoning Commission give fuller consideration and explain its determination on the issues identified by the court.

Last week, I hosted a Town Hall meeting at Barry Farm to answer any questions and to let residents know that DCHA is deeply committed to bringing newly constructed units online as quickly as possible at Barry Farm so residents can begin returning to their new homes. We also remain committed to those families that have already relocated and will address the courts’ concerns swiftly to try to avoid any significant delay in our redevelopment timeline. We will continue to work with you throughout the process and keep you informed each step of the way with the clear transparency that my administration is committed to.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Garrett  
Executive Director